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**PATENT**

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Title: **METHOD FOR BIOMETRIC SECURITY USING A SMARTCARD**

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 29, 2005, wherein this Reply is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.